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GOD'S FAMILY (1)

Eph. 3:13-21

INT: Church described in many figures: body, bride, kingdom, vinyard, mustard seed, great pearl, and family. Church called God's family only one time in King James ver. Twice called God's household. Gal. 6:10. Eph. 2:14-22. God is the Father. Christ is the elder brother. Heb. 2:11. Characteristics of human family also characterize Divine.

I. GOD'S FAMILY IS UNITED IN LOVE.

- A. Basis of human family is love. Eph. 5:24-25. Sacrifice.
 - 1. Mothers even commanded to love children. Titus. 2:4.
 - a. Command is to give time and interest. Love will come
- B. Any permanant division in a home is due to a lack of love
- C. God's children are welded by one Spirit. I Cor. 12:13.
- D. Need to work to see lovable qualities as do to see the detestable characteristics. Ill. Motto on back:

II. GOD'S CHILDREN PROTECT EACH OTHER.

- A. Human family made up of different personalities and have difficulties naturally.
- B. What do you think of a family member who spreads family troubles and bemeans it? Disgusted? Repelled? Yes!
- C. God's children will not always agree on opinions and the incidentals, but will protect each other regardless
 - 1. Ill. Opinions on communion table. Those for it forgot it rather than to expose the church to public scorn and ridicule. Crucify Christ's body-church.
- D. What God think about a member who treats the church as a joke? Defends denominational error? Opposes meeting
 - 1. Rebuke him. I Tim. 5:20. Elders entreat him. Gal. 6:1. If refuse to hear church withdraw from him. II T. 3:6

III. GOD'S FAMILY SHARES PROSPERITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

- A. Human family shares the weekly pay check. All one family.
 - 1. Man's current salary scale based on family needs.
- B. All share the prosperity; all share responsibilities.
- C. Early Christians pooled resources in time of emergency.
 - Acts 4:34. II Cor. 8:12-13.
 - 1. Same principle applies to running expenses. I Cor. 16:2
- D. Giving some money is not enough. Give correctly, then shoulder responsibilities too. Lead, teach, sit up, etc

IV. GOD'S FAMILY STAYS TOGETHER.

- A. Human family hates to be separated even for a day.
- B. Should be the attitude of God's children. Heb. 10:25.

C. No one but God's children and His family going to Heaven. John 3:5. II Cor. 5:17.

D. How can all God's family go to Heaven if they stay divided over petty things?

1. Any problem, grudge or injustice is petty when compared to the love needed to get us to Heaven.

E. Christ will judge God's family, the church, and then return it to God. John 5:22. I Cor. 15:24.

INV: 1. Those who never enter God's family, church, will not go with God to Heaven. B-R-C-B. John 12:48.

2. Those who dropped out on the way will be left out at the Judgement Day. R-P. II Pet. 2:21.

3. We plead with all men to prepare for the day when God will take all his faithful children home. Come.

MOTTO:

There is so much bad in the best of us

And so much good in the worst of us

That it hardly behooves any of us

To criticize the rest of us.